City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item

Item:	**Bid Award to O'Keefe Drilling for the West End Farms Part Test Well**
Council Meeting Date:	April 15, 2026
Sponsor(s):	**Logan McInnis**
Department or Function:	**Public Works and Mobility**
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Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☒ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
	☐ N/A

Action Required:
Approve the bid award to O'Keefe Drilling for the West End Farms Park Test Well Project.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to approve the bid award to O'Keefe Drilling for the West End Farms Park Test Well Project at a cost not to exceed $81,730.00 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

Background and Alternatives Explored:
Missoula Water has identified a need to increase its groundwater production capacity north of the Clark Fork River. Municipal wells can be difficult to site due to separation requirements from sources of contamination like sanitary and storm sewers. The proposed West End Farms Park has been identified as an excellent potential site for a new municipal well. The engineering firm Robert Peccia & Associates, Inc (RPA) issued a bid for the construction work to drill the new test well at West End Farms Park.
This phase of the project will drill a test well and conduct an aquifer test on the well to determine the potential for sitting a large municipal well on the site. The test well will be transferred to Missoula Parks and Recreation to use as a park irrigation well, once they obtain water rights. Electronic bids were opened on Quest CDN, and two bids were received.

One addendum was issued during the bidding process which extended the substantial completion date to 45 calendar days and the final payment to 75 calendar days after the date when the contract times commence to run.
The engineering firm RPA received 2 bids for the work and reviewed them for completeness. RPA awarded the work to O'Keefe Drilling with a bid of $81,730 which was below the engineer's estimate of $85,740.00.

Financial Implications:
The West End Farms Park Municipal Well was approved and funded in Missoula Water's FY26 budget. The source of funds for the project are Water System Development Fees.

Links to external websites:
N/A